

REMARKS

The undersigned representative thanks Examiner Bleck for the Examiner Interview on March 14, 2006 regarding a draft preliminary amendment. New claims 84, 88, 93, and 97 were discussed during the Examiner Interview. The undersigned representative does not believe an additional Interview Summary is necessary.

Please note that the draft preliminary amendment that was provided to the Examiner prior to the Examiner Interview was, as indicated, a draft preliminary amendment for discussion purposes only. Therefore, the draft preliminary amendment should not be entered into the file for this patent application.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments. Claims 84-102 are currently pending. Claims 1-83 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. This preliminary amendment is being filed prior to the initial Office Action on the merits. An examination on the merits at your earliest convenience is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application which may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, or if there are any other issues which may be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at (202)508-5843 is respectfully solicited.

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